

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b) as set forth below.

1. Please replace the Background and Summary section that appears on Page 1, line 8 through Page 2, line 6 with the following:

~~BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY~~

Many diverse medical record and medical information management systems are found in the art. Such systems provide access and retrieval of particular categories of patient or medical information, such as for example, insurance information use insurance information management systems, lab results or reports are accessible from laboratory information systems (LIS), patient records are managed on hospital information systems (HIS), and clinical data is stored in Clinical Data Repositories (CDR). The degree to which information has been shared between such healthcare information systems has to this point been limited. Also, patients have been unable to find a centralized, integrated interface for accessing information from these disparate healthcare data systems.

Further, these decentralized medical information management systems have been unable to communicate, or such communication has been unworkable due to the business environment which was better suited to autonomous providers of such information services. Technological advances in encryption, regulatory changes to patient privacy laws, and advances in the communications infrastructure has been lacking to the extent that a global, integrated network for accessing all of these data sources contemporaneously has not been possible.

[0004] Further, there has up to now been lacking a system that provides functionality for the physician based on the information in a patient's health record. A number of tasks may be simplified and/or automated by having a health record system review information in the health record, prior to or during review of the health record by a physician.

SUMMARY

Briefly, and in accordance with the foregoing, disclosed is a system and method for providing health assistance based on information in a patient's health record. An interface is provided for providing assistance which includes a patient health record section and a banner section that performs health assistance-related functions based on the content of the patient health record section.

Additional features will become apparent to those skilled in the art upon consideration of the following detailed description of drawings exemplifying the best mode as presently perceived.